II. Preliminary Findings issued and provisional duty imposed

Sl.No.	Product	Date of Initiation & due date of Completion	Country(s)	Date of Preliminary Findings/ Imposition/ Range of duty recommended
1.	Forged Rolls	27-8-2002 27-8-2003	Ukraine, Russia & Korea	11-12-2002 1-1-2003 Difference between US$ 2152.54-2838.19 and landed value of imports/MT

III. Initiated and under investigation for Preliminary Findings

Sl.No.	Product	Date of petition/due date of completion	Country(s)
1.	Ball Bearings	21-9-2002 21-9-2003	China, Poland, Russia & Romania
2.	Hot Rolled Coils, Strips Sheets & Plates-II	25-9-2002 25-9-2003	S. Africa, Romania, Venezuela, Netherlands, S. Arabia, UK, Australia, Canada, Kazakhastan & Singapore

Losses of SAIL

†5248. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the loss suffered by the Steel Authority of India Limited as on 31st March, 2003 alongwith names of those steel plants which are running in profit and incurring losses, respectively;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that all the steel plants run in profit; and

(c) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited is likely to earn profits this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) The accounts of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for the fourth quarter of 2002-03 are being finalized. However, plant-wise, financial performance of SAIL during April-December, 2002 is as under :

Plant/unit	Net profit (+)/Loss (-) (After Tax) Apr-Dec, 2002
Bhilai Steel Plant	(+) 360
Durgapur Steel Plant	(-) 200
Rourkela Steel Plant	(-) 523
Bokaro Steel Plant	(+) 117
Alloy Steels Plant	(-) 114
Salem Steel Plant	(-)91
Visvesvaraya Iron & & Steel Plant	(-) 77
Other Units	(-) 18
SAIL	(-) 546

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) SAIL has been taking number of steps on continuous basis to improve its performance which *inter alia* include :

Business restructuring envisaging divestment of non-core assets and channelising all resources towards the core activity of iron and steel making.

Intensive cost control.

Control on capital expenditure.

Market oriented product-mix, reinforcing sales and marketing efforts, and greater focus on customer satisfaction, resulting in better sales realisation.

Rightsizing Manpower.

Prudent funds Management.

(c) SAIL is expected to earn profit during the year 2003-04, if the current market trend continues.

Expansion Plan of VSP

5249. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved the Vizag Steel Plant proposal of Rs. 2,500 crore expansion plan;

(b) if so, what is the total capacity that would be improved after the expansion ;

(c) whether the outstanding loan of the company has come down reasonably;

(d) if so, what was the total burden of loan reduced by the company during 2002-03; and

(e) to what extent this project would enhance the capacity of finished steel production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Loan burden has been reduced by Rs. 600.61 crs. during 2002-03.